

TOWN OF ST. GERMAIN
Non-Motorized Trails Committee Minutes
Sept 28, 2022

1. Meeting called to order at 6:32 PM by Anne Small
2. Roll call: present were all board members, Bob Schell, Jimmy Vogel, Jim Swenson, Penny McCormick, Anne Small. Also present was Terry Duke.
3. Open meeting verification: meeting was posted on September 23, 2022, by Anne Small
4. Bob Schell made motion to approve August committee minutes, Jimmy Vogel seconded motion, motion carried. Jimmy Vogel made motion to approve minutes from Sept 7th special meeting, Jim Swenson seconded motion, motion carried.
5. Citizen Concerns - none
6. Awassa Trail
 - a. Trail Report – Jimmy Vogel noted that we need to move some of the story walk signs to the left side of trail to avoid foot traffic on the ski tracks. Anne Small said she would do this.
7. Fern Ridge Trail
 - a. Trail report – Jimmy Vogel said trail is getting a lot of use, and newly planted grass around parking area is growing. Jimmy Vogel submitted final paperwork for the grant, but have not received the final grant payment yet.
 - b. Jimmy Vogel said that the storage shed has been ordered, with delivery expected after Oct 15th. He still needs to get more fill for gravel pad. Jimmy Vogel did get zoning permits from town and county, and he will go pick up groomer after shed is in place.
8. Bike & Hike Trail
 - a. Trail Report – Jimmy Vogel said trail needs to get blown off. Jimmy Vogel said he was contacted by someone concerned about the safety of the “No Motorized Vehicles” signs at the trail/road intersections, especially the one by Mood Rd hill. Committee agreed that these signs have worked to keep motorized vehicles from using the trails this summer and we would keep them in place, with the exception of the Mood Rd sign.

Terry Duke noted that he appreciates the brooms located at the intersections with the ATV trails along the high line segment, as it allows users to clear the gravel from the trail.
9. Treasurer’s report
 - a. Account balances: Awassa Trail~ \$3,540.46, Fern Ridge~ \$12,273.71, and Hike & Bike Trail ~ \$49,017.07. Also the Chamber gave the town the bike trail map proceeds of \$686. Jimmy Vogel asked that we use some of this money for additional bike trail signs to have on hand in case we need to replace damaged signs (stop signs, posts, etc).
10. Designating donation funds from Hiller’s Memorial to cover part of the crack sealing project: Anne Small was contacted by Carol Hiller who originally told her the family did not want a memorial plaque on a rock, as the committee had discussed. Carol told Anne that the family would rather have the money spent on the trail, which is why the committee thought the money could go to the crack sealing project. Later, Anne Small was contacted by Leslie Hiller, and she said the family would like an actual memorial for Mark Hiller along either the Bike & Hike Trail or Fern Ridge, either a bench or memorial tree with small sign. Leslie would get back to Anne about what the family decides. So the funds will not be used for the crack sealing project. Committee did agree that we would put a memorial bronze plaque on the kiosk behind chamber, in addition to what the family decides.
11. Other ideas/input from committee - none
12. Schedule next Trails Committee meeting – Tuesday, Oct 18, 5:30 PM
13. Meeting adjourned by Anne Small at 7:30 PM